

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF TERRILL HAIGLER

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Terrill Haigler, an essential worker in Philadelphia, before the United States House of Representatives. He has stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic to not only perform his duties as a sanitation worker with high achievement, he has also been an advocate for his fellow frontline employees.

With atypically high demand for waste removal throughout this public health emergency, our sanitation workers have faced an unprecedented increase in their workload while simultaneously confronting the heightened risk of contracting coronavirus. They keep the City of Philadelphia safe and clean, putting their health on the line to serve their neighbors. Terrill Haigler has rejuvenated the sanitation department through his selfless actions that represent the very best of our community and the nation.

As trash began to pile up from strained resources at the sanitation department, morale among employees was low. A lack of sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE) made matters even worse. After gauging the needs of his coworkers, Mr. Haigler took it upon himself to uplift those around him.

He organized a comprehensive campaign through social media platforms to encapsulate the public, highlighting the accomplishments of his fellow trash collectors, encouraging public support and kindness for his colleagues, and accentuating the PPE shortfalls for essential workers. He then customized a shirt featuring a sanitation worker and his “@_YourFavTrashman” account handle to continue to raise awareness and funds for the cause.

All told, Mr. Haigler raised over \$30,000 for PPE to keep his fellow sanitation workers safe and united a community around the essential workers who continue to serve through harsh conditions. I am grateful for his efforts and his activism. Our essential workers are our local heroes; beyond our utmost gratitude and appreciation, they deserve just compensation and hazard pay.

Terrill Haigler embodies a commitment to public good. His efforts will remain a model for the patriotism and generosity that has kept America going through these difficult times. He has shown the nation what Philadelphia is made of.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation to Terrill Haigler for his extraordinary work on behalf of our community.

HONORING RUTHIE MCCOY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and ambitious woman, Ms. Ruthie McCoy. Ruthie has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to serve others.

Ruthie is a Vicksburg native and graduate of Warren Central High School. After graduation, she started working as an armed security officer at the Army Corp of Engineers. Ruthie knew this job was a segue to the career she dreamed about as a 9-year-old girl.

She joined the Yazoo Police Department and later enrolled at the state police academy where she graduated with the Basic class of 263 officers. She is also a part of the Domestic Violence Taskforce.

McCoy is a mother of three who look at her as their “hero.”

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Ruthie McCoy for her passion and dedication to serving Yazoo City and desire to make a difference in the community.

HONORING VALLE DEL SOL

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Valle del Sol for 50 years of excellence in serving Arizona through its world-class healthcare services and programs. Since 1970, Valle del Sol has touched the lives of thousands of Arizonans, inspired transformational change, and provided meaningful support to families in our communities across the Valley. Its incredible work is a model in the greater Phoenix area and will continue to help many live healthy and fulfilling lives.

Ever since its inaugural year, Valle del Sol has invested in quality and affordable healthcare services for people of all backgrounds, especially our Hispanic and Latino neighbors. They have helped lead the way in treating those struggling with substance abuse and brought behavioral health to the forefront of our community by establishing the first Latino centered methadone treatment program in the Phoenix area.

Valle del Sol has built bridges for five decades and continues to spotlight the best and brightest in our community. Above and beyond healthcare and human services, its team has enriched the social, cultural, and economic fabric of Arizona. Its Hispanic Leadership Institute has brought together an extraordinary, diverse network of leaders who will continue to make our state a better place to work and live. Over the past few decades, the program has

produced leaders who have carried out positive change in healthcare, government, business, and the non-profit sector—all of who lead with a stronger understanding of their commitment to the people they serve.

I thank Valle del Sol, its community partners, and everyone involved in this grassroots movement to make it the gold standard for healthcare and human services in the southwest. Congratulations on 50 years of serving our children and families in Arizona. I am confident their passion and service will continue to leave a lasting impression for the next 50 years and beyond.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ALMA G. STALLWORTH

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late former Michigan State Representative Alma G. Stallworth, who passed away in August 2020.

Alma Stallworth was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, and eventually made her home in Detroit, Michigan, where she attended Wayne State University. She went on to pursue public office, serving her first term as State Representative from 1971 until 1974 and again, serving from 1983 until 1996. As a legislator, Alma Stallworth broke ground in her work in the civil rights movement, as well as crafting policy solutions to improve the quality of life for Michigan's children and working families. Her example blazed the trail for countless women of color to pursue careers in public service.

In 1985, Alma Stallworth founded the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of African-American communities across Michigan. Ms. Stallworth created the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan's Legislative Internship Program to allow African-Americans interested in public policy careers to gain invaluable experience while also earning college credit. Her work with the Black Caucus Foundation has created a critical link for policy, communities, and businesses.

Alma Stallworth was a true paragon of public service. Please join me in honoring her legacy.

TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN BAUSHKE—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award,

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my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Kathleen Baushke from Santa Barbara, California.

Kathleen has had an immeasurable impact on our community through her work addressing our community's ongoing problem with family homelessness. She is the longtime Executive Director of Transition House, a multifaceted shelter, housing, and education nonprofit based in Santa Barbara. Under her leadership, Transition House assists more than 400 people every year. Approximately 70 percent of the families who work through Transition House's multi-stage programs move into permanent housing: a success rate of which few similar agencies can boast.

Beyond her work within Transition House, Kathleen has consistently reached outside the agency to provide logistical support, program advising, and financial expertise to other organizations assisting those experiencing homelessness. For example, Kathleen helped create the Landlord Liaison Program, within Transition House, that works with local landlords to house mainly homeless veterans and children.

Kathleen has served on the boards of other related nonprofits in Santa Barbara, including the St. Francis Foundation and Second Story, as well as on the advisory board of Storyteller Children's Center. She is also a founding member of the advocacy group National Coalition for Homelessness Solutions. She appears regularly in the media, at political events, and at community informational gatherings to advocate for compassionate, thoughtful, positive help for families and children experiencing crisis. As many as half of the homeless people in America are families with children, and Kathleen has brought immense relief to this vulnerable population, leading her agency, its amazing staff, and hundreds of community volunteers toward ongoing solutions.

She is a worthy candidate for this honor and a role model for community leaders of all kinds. I am honored to recognize Kathleen for her continued commitment to improving our community and the residents of Santa Barbara county. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Kathleen Baushke, for her incredible service to her community.

RECOGNIZING DR. BRUCE AMUNDSON ON HIS SERVICE TO THE WASHINGTON CHAPTER OF PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise to honor Dr. Bruce Amundson on the incredible work he has done while serving on the Board of the Washington Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility (WPSR) and congratulate him on his retirement.

Dr. Amundson was a member of the chapter for 40 years and served as president in 2014. As president he brought a much-needed re-

surgence of energy to the chapter. Through tireless effort and countless hours working with staff, contacting members, recruiting partners, and securing financial support, Bruce succeeded in bringing the chapter back to life, with a revitalized purpose for the health-based advocacy community. Under Bruce's leadership he grew the chapter to nearly 1,000 members, making it one of the most productive and successful in the country.

Bruce was vital in bringing a voice to the most critical public health issues of our time including nuclear proliferation, climate change, and more. Bruce was integral in helping establish the largest anti-nuclear coalition of its kind in the country, the Washington Against Nuclear Weapons Coalition. His dedication to community health advocacy was unmatched and his expertise, passion, and efforts will be deeply missed by the entire community. The state of Washington is lucky to have had such a thoughtful voice working for the greater good.

Madam Speaker, I thank Dr. Amundson for his dedicated service to the Washington Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility where he never stopped working to bring the most pressing public health issues of our time to light, and I wish him a happy retirement.

HONORING EDDIE PAYTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant, Mr. Eddie Payton.

Eddie Payton, a native of Columbia, MS, is a 1973 graduate of Jackson State University. While at Jackson State, Eddie was a four-year letterman, three-year all SWAC player, SWAC Offensive Player of the Year, Ebony All American, and NAIA All American.

Eddie was an NFL running back and kick returner who played five seasons in the NFL from 1977 to 1982. He played for the Cleveland Browns, Detroit Lions, Kansas City Chiefs, and Minnesota Vikings. In 1980, he led the NFL with 53 kickoff returns for 1,184 yards. Eddie is one of three Detroit Lions to register two touchdowns off returns in a single game. His 98 yard kickoff return for a touchdown is the fifth longest in Detroit history, and his 87 yard punt return stands as the third longest in franchise history. Eddie also played in the CFL for two seasons with the Ottawa Rough Riders and Toronto Argonauts and was the first player signed in franchise history with the Memphis Showboats of the WFL.

After retiring from the NFL, Eddie returned to Jackson State to take the helm of the men's golf program. In 1995 he started the women's golf program. During his 30 years at Jackson State, his men's golf team won 25 conference championships and his women's team won 16 conference championships. Additionally, his men's team won 8 National Minority Championships and his women's team won 4 National Minority Championships. Eddie was named SWAC Coach of the year 25 times and National Minority Coach of the Year 6 times. Eddie's teams made history by becoming the first teams from an HBCU to compete in the NCAA Men's and Women's Golf Champion-

ships. He has also had seven players to compete professionally. Eddie finished his career as the winningest coach in SWAC history.

Eddie has been inducted into the Marion County Sports Hall of Fame, Jackson State University Sports Hall of Fame, SWAC Hall of Fame, National Black Golfers Hall of Fame, and the African American Golf Association Hall of Fame.

Eddie is the Executive Director of the Payton Family Foundation, which has awarded 92 scholarships totaling over 3.1 million dollars. He is also a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and a member of the Mississippi Athletic Commission.

Since his retirement, Eddie does his favorite past-times and can be found on the golf course, fishing or hunting.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Eddie Payton for his dedication and tenacity to serving the community and the desire to be an example for all.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF PATRICIA LEZOTTE QUICK

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Patricia Lezotte Quick as she celebrates her 100th birthday. This significant milestone is worthy of commendation.

Over the course of her lifetime, Patricia Quick has become a pillar of Rockwood. Patricia was born in the city on August 15, 1920, and remained in Rockwood for the next 96 years. As the only child of Edith and Eugene Lezotte, Patricia had a happy childhood playing with neighborhood friends, seeing movies, canoeing the Huron River, and taking the inter-urban trolley from Rockwood to downtown Detroit. After receiving her license at the age of 12, Patricia enjoyed driving her 1924 Hudson Super 6 to Detroit to shop at her favorite stores and occasionally treat herself to a famous Sander's hot fudge cream puff. Throughout her youth, Patricia attended Rockwood Elementary School, St. Mary's Catholic School, and Rockwood High School, where she sang in choir, played basketball, and studied Latin. She also took ballet lesson, and continued dancing throughout her 20s. At the age of 18, Patricia began working at the Rockwood Post Office. She rose to the position of assistant postmistress, and then served as superintendent of postal operations until retiring in 1981. In 1940, she also worked as a U.S. Census worker throughout Rockwood, Brandon Township, and Romulus.

In 1943, Patricia married her husband, John Quick, and the two had an adventurous marriage for 73 years before John's passing in 2015. Together, they visited all 50 states, every Mexican state, and each Canadian province. Patricia is known for her optimistic attitude, love for nature and animals, and compassion for all. She has been active in animal rescue, her church, community service, and other civic organizations. Thanks to her immense knowledge of the city and love of history, Patricia was one of the founders of the Rockwood Area Historical Society in 1973 and

continues to be a historian for the City of Rockwood. Throughout her 100 years, Patricia has demonstrated a true passion for our community and all those in it. Her impact has transformed the city, and we will forever be grateful for her years of dedicated service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Patricia Lezotte Quick on her 100th birthday. I join with Patricia's friends in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day. I am proud to honor her life, her accomplishments, and her invaluable contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONFIRMATION
OF REPRESENTATIVE JEAN
FARMER-BUTTERFIELD TO THE
NORTH CAROLINA EMPLOYMENT
SECURITY BOARD OF REVIEW

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the confirmation of Representative Jean Farmer-Butterfield to the North Carolina Employment Security Board of Review.

Representative Farmer-Butterfield proudly represented Wilson County for nearly two decades in the North Carolina House of Representatives. During that time, she distinguished herself as a committed public servant and advocate for the people of Wilson County. Farmer-Butterfield was celebrated by her peers on both sides of the aisle for her powerful skills in negotiation and ability to find compromise amongst her colleagues. In her time serving in the North Carolina General Assembly, she rightly developed a reputation as a lawmaker capable of achieving goals through bipartisan agreement.

As a Representative, she was a champion of mental health and substance abuse issues, public schools and early childhood education, and economic development in Wilson County and throughout eastern North Carolina. For nine consecutive terms, Wilson County residents voiced their approval of Farmer-Butterfield's zealous and impactful advocacy for them and demonstrated their appreciation and confidence in her through their votes.

Now, she will continue her long career of public service on the Board of Review where her intellect and work ethic will benefit many across North Carolina. I commend Governor Cooper for his nomination of Representative Farmer-Butterfield and the General Assembly for confirming her appointment.

On behalf of the residents of the First Congressional District of North Carolina and especially those in Wilson County, I thank Representative Farmer-Butterfield for her many years of dedicated service in the North Carolina House of Representatives and wish her continued success on the North Carolina Employment Security Board of Review.

Congratulations, Jean.

AUGUST VETERAN OF THE
MONTH: ROB MILLER

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's August Veteran of the Month, Major Rob Miller.

An Artillery Officer in the United States Marine Corps, Major Rob Miller honorably served our nation from 1983 to 1995. Major Miller is a combat veteran who served during Operation Desert Storm. Upon returning home from service, Major Miller followed his passion for service and has dedicated his life to public education.

Major Miller is currently serving as the Superintendent of Bixby Public Schools. Previously, Rob Miller served at Sand Springs Public Schools and Jenks Public Schools. Throughout his twenty-eight years in education, Rob Miller has earned numerous awards. In 2015, he was the Oklahoma Middle School Principal of the Year. He is also a National Association of Secondary School Principals National Finalist. Rob Miller's remarkable commitment to serving the students and families in our district is commendable.

In addition to working as the Superintendent of Bixby Public Schools, Miller is involved with the local veteran community. He has hosted ceremonies honoring veterans for many consecutive years on Veterans Day, and he has regularly participated in marathons honoring veterans. Miller is active in his community, where he is involved with his local church and is a member of the Bixby Rotary Club. Rob Miller answered the call to defend freedom across the globe and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. He continues to serve our country, community, and his fellow veterans. It is my honor to recognize Major Rob Miller as the First Congressional District of Oklahoma's August Veteran of the Month.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ANNE RODRIGUEZ—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community through the Women of the Year Award. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award Recipient, Dr. Anne Rodriguez from Santa Barbara, California.

Anne deserves to be recognized for her dedication and service to our community. As one of only two gynecologic oncology surgeons that serve Santa Barbara and the surrounding communities, she has dedicated her entire professional life to surgery and care of women with gynecologic and breast cancer. When patients are in Dr. Rodriguez's care, they receive immense compassion, hope, and expertise.

Outside of her medical practice, Anne serves our community in a variety of other ways. For the last four years, she has served on the Board of Directors of the Cottage Health System, is the Chair of the Department of Surgery at Cottage Hospital and sits on the Board of the Santa Barbara Breast Care Alliance. She was a founding Board member of the local chapter of Boys Team Charity, a philanthropic organization that teaches young men from 7th to 12th grade about the importance of giving back to the community through volunteering. Anne has volunteered with numerous local organizations, including the Goleta Public Library, Teen Court, Art from Scrap, the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission, Santa Barbara Bike Coalition, the Santa Barbara Zoo, Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network, Montessori Center School, and the MAD Academy at Santa Barbara High School.

Anne is humble about the extent of the commitments she juggles and her importance to the lives of her patients; she will always step up to help the community or a patient in need. That incredible work ethic and spirit of service has made Anne a beloved resident of the Central Coast.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Dr. Anne Rodriguez, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING RATOYA GILMER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant. Attorney RaToya Gilmer was born and raised in Edwards, Mississippi, and still currently resides there. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Tougaloo College. Attorney Gilmer graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Law in May 2013. She was admitted to practice law in the state of Mississippi in September 2013. She is currently the managing partner at Gilmer and Green Legal Group, PLLC where the firm focuses on family law and personal injury cases. She is currently the President of the Magnolia Bar Association where she served as the community service committee co-chair and President of the organization.

She is currently a member of the Mississippi Bar Association, the Mississippi Association for Justice, the Metro Jackson Black Women Lawyers' Association, the Mississippi Women Lawyers' Association, Women for Progress, and a member of the 33rd Class of Leadership Greater Jackson.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Attorney RaToya Gilmer.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES
EZRA FERRELL

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Charles Ezra Ferrell and his

work on behalf of non-profit and charitable organizations, including Detroit's Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Mr. Ferrell began as a volunteer at the Charles H. Wright Museum, where he proved himself to be engaged and enthusiastic in taking on new tasks and responsibilities. He was hired and rose through the ranks, ultimately serving as the museum's Vice-President for Public Programs and Community Engagement. Mr. Ferrell worked on a number of projects and founded the museum's Liberation Film Series, which comprises film screenings, panel discussions, book readings and signings, and lectures to promote awareness, critical thinking, and informed activism. In short, during his tenure at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Charles Ferrell has done an outstanding job of fostering cultural exchange.

Over the years, Mr. Ferrell has worked tirelessly to educate the community by creating awareness about the countless achievements and contributions of African-Americans. Please join me in recognizing his fine example.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOHN J.
DOYLE OF ARDMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. MARY GAY SCANLON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of John J. Doyle, a constituent of mine from Ardmore, Pennsylvania, who passed away suddenly earlier this month. Mr. Doyle was a devoted and loving husband of Maura, father to Kerry and Erin; and grandfather to Vivian, Rowan, Eve, Peter and Annie; and brother to Elaine O'Malley, Bernice Ayers, Mary Doyle, and Barry Doyle. John served his country as an officer in the Navy and was a community and business leader who will be sorely missed by his family, friends, neighbors, and all who knew him.

John was an accomplished business executive who was on the leadership team of the international nonprofit, the Project Management Institute (PMI). At PMI, John developed the accreditation institute's important relationship with China, promoting high standards for business and project management around the world. John's work at PMI capped off a long and distinguished career, including work with Biological Abstracts and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

John served his community as Chairman of the Advisory Board of St. Barnabas School, a primary school, providing high quality and low-cost education to students of all faiths in Philadelphia. He earned his Bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's University and his MBA from the University of Notre Dame.

John had a life well lived and was taken from this world too soon. He will be missed.

RECOGNIZING DEBORAH WRIGLEY
AND HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO
AMERICA AND THE HOUSTON
METROPOLITAN AREA OVER
FOUR DECADES AS A LEADING
AND INFLUENTIAL JOURNALIST
FOR TELEVISION STATION KTRK

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Deborah Wrigley for the unparalleled service she has rendered to the residents of the Houston metropolitan area over the past 40 years as one of the area's leading journalists and to commend her example to young reporters on the fiduciary responsibility of all members of the Fourth Estate to understand and faithfully execute the responsibilities of civic education and governmental accountability reposed in them by the drafters of the First Amendment.

Deborah Wrigley will be retiring this month after the completion of a 42-year career in journalism, most recently with television station KTRK-TV.

Deborah Wrigley graduated from the University of Houston with a degree from its prestigious English department initially did not plan a career in television but it is not surprising that she finally did given that her father was a leading Hollywood cinematographer and her mother loved literature.

Deborah Wrigley was hired by KTRK-TV as a minority trainee in 1978 and over the next 42 years reported on important events affecting or occurring in the Houston area as the city grew to become the largest city in Texas and the fourth largest in the nation.

Deborah Wrigley reported live from Galveston, Texas throughout the night when Hurricane Alicia hit, risking driving off the Galveston seawall at the height of the storm to get the stories back to the station.

Deborah Wrigley loved covering politics, from City Hall to the Texas Legislature, national stories and neighborhood issues, hurricanes and other natural disasters, including the Mexico City earthquake in 1985 for which she received a Headliner Club award.

Deborah Wrigley never forgot or lost sight of the fact that another important role of the print and electronic media is to serve the people, to illuminate their struggles and problems and achievements; she knows Houston because she always listened to its people and their concerns and tirelessly worked to bring attention to the need to find solutions.

Deborah Wrigley's final stories involved the work on the frontlines of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, such as efforts to bring testing to underserved communities, which she understood would save thousands of lives.

Not only was Deborah Wrigley an eye-witness to many historic events, she made history of her own by becoming the longest-serving female television news reporter ever in Houston and one of the longest serving in the history of the country.

Deborah Wrigley has often expressed how grateful she is to those who helped her through it all, from the people she interviewed to the audiences who watched and trusted her to deliver the news fairly and accurately.

Madam Speaker, I take great pride in recognizing and honoring Deborah Wrigley whose

extraordinary career and commitment to serving her community through delivering the news fully and fairly has helped make our nation better on its inexorable march toward becoming a more perfect union.

HONORING DR. THOMAS
CAMPBELL

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Dr. Thomas Campbell, a respected leading researcher in the area of speech and language skills and the longtime Executive Director of the Callier Center for Communication Disorders at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) in Texas' Third Congressional District.

Tom Campbell earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After spending several years at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada where he conducted studies of the speech and language skills of children recovering from traumatic brain injuries, Dr. Campbell's work took him to the University of Pittsburgh where he served as a faculty member in the Department of Communication Science and Disorders.

Following his later service as Director of Audiology and Communication Disorders at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, in 2006 Dr. Campbell was named the Executive Director of the Callier Center for Communication Disorders in Dallas, Texas.

For the past fourteen years, Dr. Campbell has built a successful education and research enterprise leading to UTD's undisputed reputation as a national model for the study of communication disorders. Due to his steadfast leadership, the Callier Center is consistently ranked in the top ten of graduate programs nationwide in the areas of audiology and speech-language pathology.

Among his many achievements, Dr. Campbell is credited with the establishment of the Callier postdoctoral program, the creation of both the Callier Prize in Communication Disorders and the Ruth and Ken Altshuler Callier Care Award. He is also credited with the 2016 construction of the new Callier building on the UTD Richardson campus.

Dr. Campbell's most lasting legacy lies in the many lives he has influenced through his work. Known as a "humble teacher and terrific role model" it is evident respect for this consummate servant leader runs deep among all who have interacted with him, patients and peers alike.

As Dr. Campbell prepares to begin a new season of life, along his wife, Dr. Christine Dollaghan, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing him for his selfless and dedicated efforts as the Executive Director of the Callier Center at the University of Texas at Dallas and to wish him well in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWARD
M. COURSE JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a remarkable individual, Edward McCoy Course Jr.

Mr. Course, 68, died Tuesday, July 7, 2020, in Greenwood, Mississippi. He was the longest-serving deacon at Providence Missionary Baptist Church and the church secretary. Mr. Course was also a life member of the Mississippi Valley State University National Alumni Association and past president of its Leflore County chapter. He served as chairman of the Leflore County Election Commission for 41 years and worked for the Mississippi State Department of Health for 30 Years, serving as district supervisor of environmental quality.

Working in the civil rights movement at an early age, he marched as a boy and later worked within the NAACP for a short time. Mr. Course displayed a willingness to give back to the community, to work, and asked for very little in return. He spent all his life at Providence and was beloved by many.

As chairman of the election commission, he would help with voter registration drives, going to local high schools, and MVSU to ensure people understood the processes and volunteering to make sure everything was run smoothly. He was able to offer a wealth of knowledge to all those around him.

Mr. Course is survived by his wife of 43 years, Mrs. Linda Course of Greenwood; a special niece, Jakayla Rayford of Greenwood; six sisters, Marjorie Course of Houston, Texas, Joyce Ann Course and Sandra Course, both of Greenwood, Katie Course and Denise (Thad) Johnson, both of Jackson, and Gail (Lucious) Lewis of Clinton; and two brothers, Ervin Course of Greenwood and Terrence Course (Celdrick) of Carrollton.

Mrs. Course said that her husband lived by a simple sentiment that she feels personifies the message they wanted to share to the world: "Never lose faith or give up."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Edward McCoy Course Jr., in which he was a faithful community leader, worker, and motivator.

TRIBUTE TO TRACY BEARD—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

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Friday, September 4, 2020

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Tracy Beard of Solvang, California.

Tracy Beard currently serves as Executive Director of the Solvang Chamber of Commerce, the President of the Association of Re-

gional Councils, and served as board member, treasurer, and vice president of the Michigan Chapter of the American Planning Association. Lomako was president of the Heat and Warmth Fund, and has also sat on the boards of Inforum, the Urban Land Institute, and the Michigan Society of Association Executives. In addition, Lomako has been a fierce advocate for women, serving as a board member and officer with the Women's Economic Club and a board member with the Michigan Chapter of Women in Transportation.

Without a doubt, Kathleen Lomako has devoted her career to serving Michigan and has worked tirelessly to ensure it remains a fruitful, safe, and prosperous place. Across all capacities, Lomako has been recognized as a dedicated, compassionate, and humble leader who strives to make a meaningful difference. She has been the voice of reason in challenging times and has encouraged all to work together to better our state. Her efforts have transformed Michigan, and her impact will forever be remembered.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the retirement of Kathleen Lomako. I am proud to honor her work, accomplishments, and significant community impact. We thank her for her outstanding service and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

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IN RECOGNITION OF KATHLEEN LOMAKO FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Kathleen Lomako as she celebrates her retirement and recognize her many years of distinguished service with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Her contributions to Michigan are worthy of commendation.

Kathleen Lomako has dedicated much of her professional career to working in various positions at the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). She joined SEMCOG in 1979, and quickly became a pillar of the organization. Since 2014, Lomako has served as executive director, where she has overseen a staff of 66 and has led SEMCOG's efforts to address a variety of multi-community, regional issues such as transportation, water quality, air quality, solid waste, land use, community and economic development, and data analysis. Beyond SEMCOG, Lomako has also been president of the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC), a nonprofit public/private partnership dedicated to enhancing the economic vitality and quality of life in Southeast Michigan.

Kathleen Lomako has held several other leadership positions and is known throughout the community as a passionate leader who effects change. She was vice chair of the Michigan Infrastructure Council, chair of the Executive Director Council at the Association of Re-

V-J DAY

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the veterans of the First District of Oklahoma, who served in the Pacific Theater of the Second World War, in remembrance of Victory over Japan Day, commonly known as V-J Day.

Following the surrender of Japanese forces on August 15, 1945, President Harry Truman proclaimed, "This is a victory of more than arms alone. This is a victory of liberty over tyranny." The dark years of fighting had finally come to an end, through the bravery and sacrifice of a generation of Americans.

As we stand here seventy-five years later, their legacy reminds us of God's grace, the true meaning of honor, and the unimaginable blessing bestowed on each and every one of us to live in the United States of America.

Today, I honor some of the bravest warriors on the face of the earth—heroes who were willing to venture into unknown territories to meet an uncertain fate, who weathered unimaginable circumstances.

When their nation called, men and women left their families, spouses, and children to go to a foreign place stricken with war and savagery, all because they knew the United States of America was the last great hope on earth. Those who served not only saved our nation and our world from tyranny, but they changed the course of history forever.

As the news of the war ending spread around the world, we can only now imagine the thrill of emotions that spread like fire through country sides and city squares across America. Millions of people took to the streets, many of which were covered with blizzards of confetti, and citizens crowded into churches to

thank God for this victory and for the beginning of a new era of peace.

Yet, seventy-five years later, we are still reminded of the true cost of that peace. Our current generation has also witnessed the sacrifice of American lives in the name of freedom. While our nation always attempts to protect American lives through any diplomatic tools available, human history reveals the sad reality that sometimes the liberty of all must be defended by a brave few. As Winston Churchill is often attributed as stating, "We sleep soundly in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm."

As a society, we must remember and educate our children to ensure that future generations never forget the heroes that saved our world from tyranny and destruction. Americans gather on V-J day to do just that: celebrate the greatest generation—those who came back home and those who laid down their lives on the field of battle.

With the utmost humility, I recognize and honor those who served in the Second World War throughout the Pacific Theater and beyond. It is the greatest honor to live in a country with such valiant men and women, much less to represent so many of them in Congress.

Victory over Japan Day is a necessary reminder of not only the enormous sacrifice and triumph of American warfighters over tyrannical empires, but ultimately, it exhibits the capacity of the American spirit to overcome all obstacles in order to complete the task at hand. I pray that we now, as Americans, face today's tests and trials with the same resolve, unity, and honor as those brave patriots who shed their blood from the beaches of Normandy to the islands of Okinawa. May we, too, find victory in our day.

HONORING RUBY MONTGOMERY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ruby Montgomery.

"Mama Ruby has faith" . . . her faith enabled the love she has shared with others—others who have grown now share her faith and believe her acts of kindness to be pre-

cious gifts—gifts that touch people's hearts and are rooted right here in the Mississippi Delta.

In fact, Ruby Montgomery, described by her children as, "a dedicated child of God", is a woman who shapes the lives of others and continues to dedicate her life to serve her children and neighbors while being led by the Holy Spirit.

As we learned, it is Ruby's faith, her confident belief and trust in The Lord, which has kept her going all these years. In addition, her testimony reveals that even from a very young age, Ruby was taught to practice kindness and humility, two ideals her parents, the late Rev. Rollie Lee and teacher Daisy Bell Lee of Lambert, Mississippi, taught her well.

Ruby, the wife of the late TSGT William Henry Montgomery of Marks, Mississippi, who with her became proud parents of Deborah A. Simpson, Rhonda L. Montgomery, and Roderrick L. Montgomery. The pair also managed to care for their granddaughter, Tashunda Montgomery-Vaughn; great granddaughter, Ja'Brea Joiner; and four other grandchildren: Lacambrise, Ahbrae, Andre, and Desiree.

But did the couple stop there? Of course not. They also committed to raise five foster children: Linda, Shelia, Patricia, Pamela, and Stephanie. And as a result, she inherited several more grandchildren: Markus, Kim, Melanie, Teon, Nekeveonia, Herbert Jr., Altrevia, and Corderio. Onward, she inherited several more children: Joel, Anthony, Stephanie Reeder, Yolanda, Yameka, Lorraine, April, and their children. Now that is a big family and makes this author wonder just how Mama Ruby had time for anything else.

Questions come to mind: How does the first teacher teach in an integrated school system in Quitman County, raise dozens of kids, and go to work helping other children learn all day? Where did her energy and money come from when times were hard? Ruby credits The Lord.

People whose lives have been touched by Mama Ruby know that she is a person who can be trusted. She is seen by so many as an inspiration to those around her and a living example of how faith can impact the lives of those she has helped. Ruby is the person people come to with their problems, the one who comforts those in need, and the mother who cares for the sick in the body or in the spirit.

By making time to mentor countless of children in the community of Marks over the years, she unknowingly stepped into the per-

manent role of "Mama Ruby" for generation after generation, gaining the respect of the community and the trust of its members.

For example, as a teacher in the Quitman County public school system for over 40 years, retiring in 1993, Ruby gained the trust of her students, many of whom she opened the doors of her home to and also offered rides to church on Sunday. Many of these students grew up and had their own children, who were also taught by Ruby—allowing her to impact one generation after another.

However, the teaching did not stop in the classroom. In fact, at church, Ruby was also a teacher who shared the Bible with young minds. She serves as both a Sunday school and Bible study teacher. Even after teaching for over forty years, she does not tire of spending her energy toward young children's education. Education, as we all know, is not limited to just the classroom.

Ruby likes to educate teenagers as well. She and her husband always helped out the youth in the community who wished to work by hiring them to help around the store and teaching them the value of a dollar.

You would think with all of this teaching going on there would not be room for much else in Mama Ruby's life, but Ruby gives her time freely to community activities and outreach ministries. Ruby is currently serving as an active, committed, and dedicated member of Les-Grandes Soeurs Social Club of Lambert, Marks, and Crenshaw, Mississippi, as well as in Memphis, TN. Here she serves on the planning committee in Marks, MS. The purpose of Les-Grandes Soeurs Social Club is to serve as big sisters in time of need, to provide training, recreational, social, and cultural activities for the community, and provide educational support through scholarship. Mama Ruby is a board member of Trinity Community Center and the Quitman County Development Organization of Marks, MS. She also served as chairman for the 2019 Annual September Song Festival. These experiences are not all that make Ruby an amazing person. Ruby believes this path was chosen for her, not by her. By following this path, Ruby has excelled at every stage in her life. Mama Ruby "got faith" . . . faith found because of God's love for her is the love she has shared with others.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ruby Montgomery for her dedication to serving her community and this great state.